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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR VENEZUELAN
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

REF: CARACAS 5476, DEPT. OM JUNE 24

1. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, DEPARTMENT OF HYDRAULIC
RESOURCES HAS APPROACHED POST REQUESTING FACILITATIVE
ASSISTANCE FOR ARCHITECT SERGIO RONDON CALDERON DURING
VISIT U.S. NATIONAL PARKS FOR 4 TO 5 WEEKS BEGINNING
ABOUT SEPTEMBER 9. RONDON ON OFFICIAL MINISTRY MISSION TO
OBSERVE AND STUDY PARKS SITUATED NEAR DAMS TO DEVELOP SIMILAR
RECREATION AREAS IN VENEZUELA. MRS. RONDON WILL ACCOMPANY.
PROPOSES BEGIN PROGRAM AT WHISKEYTOWN NATIONAL RECREATION
AREA, CALIFORNIA AND CONTINUE FOLLOWING ITINERARY;

GLEN CANYON DAM, UTAH
FLAMING GORGE DAM, WYOMING/UTAH
SHADOW MOUNTAIN, COLORADO
STANFORD DAM, TEXAS
PLATT/ARBUCKLE DAM, OKLAHOMA
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2. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVISING RESPECTIVE
PARKS AUTHORITIES REQUESTING COURTESIES AND APPROPRIATE
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HOTEL RESERVATIONS PREFERABLY MEDIUM PRICE. POST WILL

CABLE ARRIVAL SAN FRANCISCO AND FIRM DATES FOR EACH PARK
AS SOON AS TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS CONCLUDED BY LOCAL TRAVEL
AGENCY.

3. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL COVER ALL EXPENSES OF
RONDON'S TRIP. RONDON PLANS TRAVEL TO MEXICO CITY ABOUT
AUGUST 29 AND CONTINUE TO SAN FRANCISCO ABOUT
SEPTEMBER 3. NO PROGRAMMING DESIRED WHILE IN SAN FRANCISCO
BUT HOTEL RESERVATIONS REQUESTED.

4. RONDON'S ENGLISH NOT FLUENT BUT POST FEELS CAN MANAGE
WITHOUT ESCORT-INTERPRETER. HAS TRAVELED PREVIOUSLY TO U.S.
CLEARANCE OBTAINED. BIO-DATA AS FOLLOWS: BORN JANUARY
29, 1925 IN MAIQUETIA; VENEZUELAN CITIZEN, MARRIED. DEGREE IN
ARCHITECTURE FROM UNIVERSIDAD JAVERIANA, BOGOTA, 1949.
SINCE 1962 HAS WORKED AS ARCHITECT WITH HIGHWAY AND HYDRAULIC
DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS. PREVIOUSLY
WORKED WITH PRIVATE COMPANIES AND MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLE IF PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE
MADE AND IF UPON ARRIVAL RONDON SHOULD CONTACT AMEMBASSY
MEXICO AND/OR DEPARTMENT OF STATE RECEPTION CENTER SAN
FRANCISCO FOR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING HIS TRIP.
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